

United States Patent Application

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AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

The specification of which

a. is attached hereto

b. X was filed on August 24, 2000 as application serial no. and was amended on (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. PCT/JP98/04204 filed September 18, and as amended on (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent. 1998

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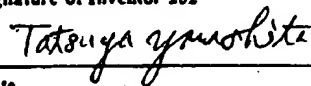
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